

- (2) Makaram 1102.
- (3) 1,500 candies (approximate).
- (4) Only boundaries were fixed.
- (5) Yes. Till Makaram 1103.
- (6) Three extensions till Edavam 1105. Difficulty for extraction.
- (7) Teak, rosewood and junglewood.
- (8) The question is not clear, since it does not indicate whether the market rate under reference is the one prevalent at the time the contract was entered into or the one obtaining at present.
- (9) By tender.
- (10) No.
- (11) No reply is required in view of reply to item (10).

Compelling guards to take privilege leave.

172. Mr. C. V. Kuriyan.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

- (i) has the Conservator of Forests issued an order recently to the Rangers to ask the guards working under them to take privilege leave to which they are eligible so that new or acting hands may be provided ;
- (ii) how many such guards have taken leave and for how many months each guard ;
- (iii) how many acting hands have been appointed in their place ;
- (iv) whether the Government is not a loser by such arrangement ;
- (v) if so, who is responsible and from whom the loss can be recovered ;
- (vi) whether there is any other kind of leave available to those who may require urgent leave after having joined duty and their privilege leave having expired ;
- (vii) if there be any, will the Conservator grant full pay to them ;
- (viii) is there any order or rule authorising the Conservator to compel subordinates to take privilege leave, if so, under what ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(i) Yes. The Conservator issued such an order because some guards were found sickly and unable to discharge their duties satisfactorily.

- (ii) Four. 3 for one month and 1 for two months.

- (iii) Four.
- (iv) No question of loss or gain arises here.
- (v) No answer is necessary.
- (vi) Yes.
- (vii) Yes, if they are eligible for it.
- (viii) The Conservator of Forests can only grant leave.

Lapse of Panchayat allotments.

173. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of items sanctioned in the budget for Panchayats which lapsed for non-execution in 1105 showing the amount sanctioned and the reason for the lapse in each case and how such amounts were utilised by the department ;

(b) amount of items sanctioned in the budget which were transferred to other items ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) The list is placed along with the answer to question No. 174. The reasons for the lapses are several. To quote these definitely a reference to the various files, &c., is necessary which will involve much delay and trouble. Some of the general causes are (1) want of prompt and timely action on the part of the Panchayats, (2) Land Acquisition Proceedings were not completed, (3) unusually heavy and early rains. In a few cases the causes are given in the remarks column of the list.

(b) Out of the total amount of Rs. 35,576 that was thus available on account of non-execution of works, a sum of Rs. 27,221—13—7 was transferred to other items not budgetted for the year.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know how many items there were in the budget of the Panchayat during that year ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—About 700 to 800, I think.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—120 items have not been attended to and the reasons of only a few are given in this list.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—All the available information has been given in the list.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Even With regard to other items, any reasons ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—As soon as possible.

174. Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—(a) what amount was sanctioned for execution of works under the Panchayat Department in 1105 ;

(b) how much of this lapsed at the close of the year ;

(c) why any amount was allowed to lapse ;